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CAISSON

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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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Chief, Foreign Division "M"

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Acting Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

Operational
CAISSON-19

Ref : MOB-A-7775

1. Supplementary to [] MOB-A-7775, the following information on the case of CAISSON-19 is added:

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2. During the early weeks of the [] affair, several attempts were made to contact the latter's mistress in the vicinity of Dresden. On one of these attempts a close friend of CAISSON-19 was sent to deliver a note to this woman. He never returned and it was learned later from his wife, who lived with him in the Soviet Zone, that he had been arrested and held for interrogation by Soviet authorities.

3. CAISSON-19 and this friend engaged jointly in certain business matters and shared an office on Potsdamer Strasse 114 in the U.S. Sector of Berlin. Each had one of the two keys to the safe in the office. On 2 July 1950, after CAISSON-19's friend had been arrested, the Potsdamer Strasse office was broken into and the safe opened. Stolen were something over DM-2,000.00 and numerous business papers. Noteworthy is the fact that the documents stolen all pertained to transactions with VEB Fema, and that shortly after, those persons with whom CAISSON-19 had dealt at this firm were arrested.

4. It seems quite clear from all of this that the surreptitious entry to office and safe was perpetrated for the purpose of obtaining evidence in connection with the [] case. There have also been other unmistakable indications of Soviet interest in CAISSON-19 who, it is known, is responsible for the recruitment of [] and became involved in the defection of []

5. We have not offered or even suggested the possibility of a settlement with CAISSON-19 for losses incurred as a direct result of his connection with us. We do feel, however, that we do have an obligation in this matter and believe that the proposal presented in MOB-A-7775 offers a means for disposing of this obligation and at once providing a possible compensating advantage to us.

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